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Professor explains con-

nLESSON: George Giacomakis gave the first of six lectures on Thursday morning

By Rita Freeman
Daily Titan Asst. News Editor

Students from the Continuing Learning Experience (CLE) received a history lesson Thursday about conflicts between Israelis and Palestinian Arabs.

Professor George Giacomakis, director of Cal State Fullerton's Mission Viejo Campus, started the first of six lectures, in the Mackey Auditorium of the Ruby Gerontology Center.

"I hope everyone gets a better understanding of the issues involved," Giacomakis said.

He will conduct the series every other Thursday until Dec. 6.

"The last time that [Giacumakis] conducted a series regarding the conflict with the Israelis and the Palestinian Arabs was 1996," said Jeanette Phillips, coordinator of the lecture series.

Giacumakis spoke on the British control over Palestine and other Middle Eastern countries, a result of a mandate administered after World War I. He also spoke of the United Nations' resolution to form two states in Israel, and the war that erupted between the Palestinians and Israeli ethnic Jews after Britain gave up control of the land in 1948. He explained holy war and its new interpretations.

Giacumakis said one of the biggest events that recently took place is a cease-fire between the Israelis and the Palestinians since the terrorist attack on the United States.

"This is a huge issue and there is international pressure," Giacomakis said. "Any terrorist links in the Palestinian nation will be affected."

About 220 people attended the event, which filled the auditorium to capacity. Everyone focused his or her attention on the professor; she said it was so quiet, "you could hear a pin drop."

Giacumakis continues his lecture series on Oct. 4, titled "Conflicting Nationalisms." He will discuss the difference between the development of Zionism and the development of Arab nationalism, including the stages and the

results of what they are today.

One student said that with the issues the United States has recently dealt with, the country can relate to the some of the problems in Israel.

Leonard Leventhal, 72, of Placentia, said that prior to the terrorist attacks people looked at the dilemmas in Israel as a far-away problem and ones that did not happen here.

"I realize most that the problems Israel is having, we're having," Leventhal said. "The same motivations now are affecting us. Hopefully [through the lectures] we can find some possibilities of solutions from all the problems," he added. "I hope there is a spirit of optimism."



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Giacumakis spoke about issues in Israel and Palestine.

Cable show cares

nTALKS: Sensitive issues from Sept. 11's attack were discussed in "Conversations with President Gordon"

By Trinity Powell
Daily Titan Staff Writer

President Milton Gordon and a panel of students, faculty, and special guests came together Thursday for "Challenging Times, Changing Attitudes, and Cherishing Cultures," a special TV broadcast of "Conversations with President Gordon & Special Guest."

In the 12 years that the show has aired, yesterday's broadcast was the first group discussion of its magnitude.

Lee Bentley, director of Titan Communications, said that the special broadcast derived from President Gordon's message of support was video streamed throughout the campus the day after the attack on the World Trade Center.

Representing a wide variety of cultures and nationalities throughout Cal State Fullerton, the group discussion talked about the impact last week's attack had on them and others.

Farouk Abdelwahed, a professor of management, couldn't believe the tragedy that had shaken the country.

"I was saddened when I saw the [television] screen," he said. "I thought it was from Hollywood."



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"Challenging Times, Changing Attitudes, and Cherishing Cultures," will air on Adelphia Cable and other channels soon.

For international students at CSUF, the act of terrorism sparked concerns of the possibility of war and their safety in America.

Yeny Garcia, 21, a biology major who came from El Salvador to America at the age of nine to escape civil war, fears what a retaliation could cause.

"It's like attacking innocent people," she said. "I think there are measures that can be taken but killing people to avenge the death of others is not the answer."

Bob Ericksen, director of International Education and Exchange said that out of roughly 50 international students from Middle Eastern countries enrolled at CSUF,

six withdrew because their families feared for their safety.

Ericksen said a mother of an international student pleaded with her son for three hours, asking him to return home, fearing the worst for her son in the wake of the attack.

"They are feeling very vulnerable," he said.

Syed Abidi, professor of political science, stressed that fear should not be a cause to act irrationally.

"We can not allow the emotionally-charged hooligans to shoot up the country," he said.

"It's fear which is driving people crazy,"

Mitsu Bathia, 21, a Middle Eastern international student majoring in

public relations said she felt safe attending CSUF because of how the staff helped her through the tragedy.

"All the teachers, all the faculty were so helpful," she said. "They taught us one thing; 'Life must go on.'"

Abidi commended the effort of the campus to promote unity but said it should not end here.

"I think the real task is how we can expand this healthy attitude," he said.

As the concerns and fears of the panel began to ease, a new sense of patriotism stemmed, bringing resolutions to the discussion.

Gordon stated one of the great needs for American is to continue in

everyday lives.

"There are many ways for the terrorist to win," he said. "And one way is to cause Americans to change..."

Amid the talk of the tragedy, many participating in the discussion had fears and concerns they had difficulty expressing; some even on the verge of tears. However, by the end, many expressed a reassurance and confidence in their country.

"I feel more safe here than if I were to move back home," Bathia said.

The show will be aired on Adelphia cable and other local cable stations.

nEDUCATION: Less emphasis on world history affairs has left Americans unfamiliar in foreign affairs

By Jamie K. Ayala
Special to the Titan

Terms like "Taliban", "dissident rebel" and "terrorist" were not commonly recognized in America before last week's plane hijackings.

Now they are used frequently and beg to be understood.

But most Americans have little knowledge about world affairs because of its lack of importance in American traditions, education and media.

America has had a long tradition of being insular.

"This is indicative of the election of George W. Bush, who never traveled outside of the U.S. before he got elected," said Gerald Rosen, professor of sociology.

Other factors that play a role in American knowledge are candidates who fail to mention foreign policy and views that the English language should be everywhere, Rosen said.

"Americans don't have a sense of connection to other places," Rosen said.

The United States is connected to many countries through financial markets. Consumer products like the flags that Americans have rushed out to purchase, were made in China. Middle Eastern countries provide the bulk oil used in American gasoline.

"If more Americans had a better understanding of the world, perhaps they wouldn't be as culturally bias," said David Navarro, a criminal justice major.

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REUTERS

New Yorkers walked through debris after the Twin Towers fell.

Knowledge of attacks possibly

nINFORMATION: U.S. intelligence agencies reportedly received warnings of impending terrorist attacks

By Melita Salazar
Daily Titan Staff Writer

As the world waits to see how the United States will retaliate after last week's acts of terrorism on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, a concern arises. Did the United States government receive knowledge that a terrorist attack would occur?

The answer may be yes.

There may be evidence that the Federal Bureau of Investigation knew before-hand that known terrorists

were in the country.

Sources from intelligence and law enforcement agencies told the Los Angeles Times that the FBI had begun the search for two suspected terrorists on Aug. 21, three weeks before the attack. The FBI started a search for Khalid Al-Midhar and his associate Nawaq Alhamzi. The investigation for Al-Midhar and Alhamzi developed after leads showed that Al-Midhar might have had connections to the bombing last October of the USS Cole in Yemen. Links show that both men were also associated with Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect of the attack in October and Sept. 11.

According to a report from MSNBC, there was no indication that Al-Midhar and Alhamzi would be connected to the hijackings even after the two men had been videotaped.

"Here was a bunch of guys who

were believed were dirty, but we didn't have anything on them," an unnamed United States intelligence officer said.

The search came too late as the FBI revealed Al-Midhar and Alhamzi were two of the men aboard hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon.

Al-Midhar and Alhamzi previously resided in San Diego where they spent time enjoying life as students.

They spent time at the home of Abdussattar Shaikh, a retired English professor at San Diego State University. Shaikh said they seemed like pleasant people who never expressed any hateful sentiments. When the FBI displayed the list of the suspected hijackers, Shaikh was shocked.

"I couldn't believe it. If I had known they were that kind, I would

have given them to the police myself. I absolutely didn't know anything," Shaikh said in a statement to Kelley Thornton of The San Diego Union-Tribune.

Numerous men that also appeared in the FBI's list of identified suspects lived in Florida. Mohamed Atta and Marwan Al-Shehhi, both 23, trained as pilots together in Florida and stayed together last summer in the home of a former flight school worker, Matt Kelley, an Associated Press writer reported.

Kelley said both men were affiliated with an extremist organization that target Americans. Investigations also show that Atta and Al-Shehhi spent time in Hamburg, Germany at a technical school.

When the attacks occurred, the two men were found to have been

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A GUIDE TO WHAT'S HAPPENING

BRIEFS

Classic Cars Cruise for Cure

More than 1,500 custom-made, classic and muscle cars will be featured at the second annual "Cruisin for a Cure" fundraiser for Prostate Cancer.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the former El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in Irvine on Saturday, and all proceeds will go toward the UCLA Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation for Prostate Cancer Research.

Participants will compete for trophies in more than 80 categories, primarily sponsored by Meguiar's.

Activities during the day will include a two-mile slow cruise course, a one-hour, open-header cruise, opportunity prize drawings for custom auto/motorcycle parts and accessories.

General admission to the event is \$5 per person. Registration for the car/bike exhibition is \$20 per entry.

Checks can be made payable to the Jonsson Cancer Center Foundation.

For more information on the event, call Debbie Baker at (949) 752-5115, Ext. 10 Monday through Friday or visit www.cruisinforacure.com.

Alumni Association hosts scholarship golf tournament

Alumni will be hosting a tournament for student scholarships at the Yorba Linda Country Club, Monday Sept. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Alumni Association scholarships and the Guardian Scholars program, which provides comprehensive support for students exiting the foster care system.

The event format will consist of each of the team's best score for every hole.

It will be counted toward the team score.

In addition, the tournament will include individual and team contests.

Players may win a Golf Mania Package that includes two Mulligans for the team's competition, the chance to win a new Dodge for a hole-in-one and raffle tickets.

Costs are \$10,000 for a Guardian sponsor; \$5,000 for a classic sponsor; \$2,000 for a corporate sponsor; \$225 for individuals; \$25 add-on for the Golf Mania package and \$25 for dinner only.

For more information, call (714) 278-4732.

Community Health and Safety Fair

The City of Santa Ana will be hosting the 2001 Lyon Street Health and Safety Fair on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Warwick Square Apartments at 780 Lyon St. Costal Community Hospital, Latino Health Access and other health professionals and organizations will be offering free screenings for Diabetes, cholesterol, blood pressure and osteoporosis.

The Santa Ana Police Department will be offering bicycle licensing and finger printing for children.

The event is free and open to the public.

There will be a raffle at the end of the fair.

For more information, call Maria Yanez at (714) 571-4283.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Community

Orange County Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30 at Craig Regional Park in Fullerton and UC Irvine's Aldrich Park. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring the ninth annual Walk to Cure Diabetes. For more information visit www.jdrf.org or call (949) 553-0363.

Celebrate arts and music at the fifth annual Jazz and Blues Festival at the Santa Ana Performing Arts & Events Center. Friday, Sept. 28 will begin the weekend of festivities that will last through Sunday, Sept. 30. It will be combined with the Plein Air Painting Event to present an abundance of entertainment. Tickets are \$25 and includes hors d'oeuvres. For tickets call (714) 571-4272.

Knott's "29th Annual Scary Farm" will start Oct.4 and run through Nov.3. This year the event includes a new show called "Ed Alonzo's Magic and Mayhem" and 1,000 monsters will be wandering through the park scaring bystanders. The Crypt Keeper is also coming to town from "Tales From the Crypt" to star in "The Hanging". No children under 13. For more information call (714) 220-5200.

Anaheim Angels have rescheduled their baseball games from the week of Sept. 10 to the week of Oct. 1. The times of the games will remain the same. The team will play

Seattle Oct. 2-3 and Oakland Oct. 4-7. Ticket holders should keep their original tickets to enter the games. For more information call (714) 634-2000.

Disneyland's "Nightmare before Christmas Enchanted Evening" is scheduled for Oct. 3 at the Disneyland Resort. The event is to celebrate the "Haunted Mansion Holiday", and will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Fantasyland Theatre. The Sneak Preview event, which is \$85 per person or \$65 for Premium Annual Passport holders, will feature a panel discussion with the creators of a Nightmare Before Christmas" and a preview of "Haunted Mansion Holiday." The other way to attend this event is through the Spooktacular Offer where tickets are \$200 and limited to 200 people. Tickets are already on sale. For more information call (866) 247-1203.

Every Thursday through Oct. 18 Fullerton hosts the Fullerton Farmer's Market, which features live entertainment, arts, crafts and fresh produce along Wilshire Blvd. It will be open from 4-8:30 p.m., and the event is free to the public. For more information call (714) 738-6575.

Campus

New York born poet Judy Kronenfeld will be reading her poetry on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m. in the Women's Center. Kronenfeld's poems have been published in journals such as

"Poetry International", "The Manhattan Poetry Review" and The Wilshire Review". The Women's Studies Program and the Department of English and Literature are sponsoring the reading. For more information call (714) 278-3742.

Cal State Fullerton's Department of Music is presenting the University Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band on Thursday, Oct. 4. At 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre Director Mitchell Fennell will conduct a concert ranging from traditional composer's works to contemporary chamber literature composers. For more information call (714) 278-3371.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is holding a free workshop on the art of happiness on Tuesday, Oct. 9. The event will be held from 11:30-1p.m. in Langsdorf Hall 210G. For more information call (714) 278-3040.

"Late Nite Catechism," a comedy that looks at old-fashioned religious education, will be held Saturday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50 and \$27.50. Students can save \$2 with the advance sale TITAN discount. For more information visit www.arts.fullerton.edu.

A lecture series focusing on the conflict between the Israeli and Palestinian Arabs will be held on alternate Thursdays Sept. 20- Dec. 6. It will be held in the Mackey Auditorium in the Ruby Gerontology Center

and is free to the public. For more information call (714) 278-2414.

An exhibit is being held at the Grand Central Art Center through Sept. 30. Cal State Fullerton presents an off-campus art exhibit that will feature works from Southern Californian painters. Art from Dan Callis, Stephanie Han Windham and Kebe Fox will be on display in the Project Room. For more information call (714) 567-7233.

Naomi Hirahara will be signing her book about the history of Japanese American gardeners in Southern California on Sept. 30. The event will be held at the Fullerton Arboretum at 3:00 p.m., and is sponsored by Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum.


In an exhibit called "Deeper Skin," Naida Oslone displays recent photographs using different parts of the body and make-up or prosthetics to combine the technological and biological. The exhibit is located in the Grand Central Art Center Project Room in Santa Ana and runs Tuesday- Sunday until Oct. 28. For more information call (714) 567-7233.

"Recasting the Past: Beneath the Hollywood Tinsel", an exhibit featuring works by contemporary artists, will be on display through Oct. 11 in the Visual Arts Building, Main Art Gallery. For more information call (714) 278-3262.



The Daily Titan staff would like to offer its condolences to the friends and families of the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C.

In this time of confusion, anger and heartache, the staff reaffirms its commitment to fair and sensitive coverage. Our Opinion page is always open for your thoughts.



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Arab-Americans feel

n**SOCIETY:** Backlash against those of Middle Eastern descent is comparable to WWII's treatment of Japanese

By Adriana Escobedo
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The terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 are frequently being compared to the last day “that lived in infamy” – the day the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

As Japanese Americans were grouped together with the nation’s World War II enemy, those who appear to be and are Arabic American, Middle Eastern American and Muslim are now targets of racial profiling and hate crimes.

The comparisons between Pearl Harbor and the New York and Washington attacks run on many different levels, including the type of attack, the number of casualties and the effect each attack had on the American psyche.

Some speculate that, as the United States entered WWII because of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the attack on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center will also lead the United States into war. Cal State Fullerton students are hopeful this won’t happen.

“Yes, I do think there are some comparisons, but I don’t think the same exact things are going to happen now,” said Deneice Kuwahara, a psychology major. “I don’t think the U.S. government is going to round up Arabic and Middle Eastern Americans and put them in internment camps. When something like this happens people automatically

want to point the finger at someone, whether it’s right or wrong.”

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, individual Americans not only blamed the Japanese, but also Americans of Japanese descent. Similarly, after the terrorist attack on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, individual Americans blame the suspected terrorists, but also condemned Arabic and Middle Eastern Americans for being of like ethnicity.

“I saw the comparison instantly and felt it instantly. I saw the images of how the Japanese Americans had felt, especially now. Its unfortunate that there has been some confusion of the Islamic belief,” said Neda Abubaker, a member of the Muslim Student Organization.

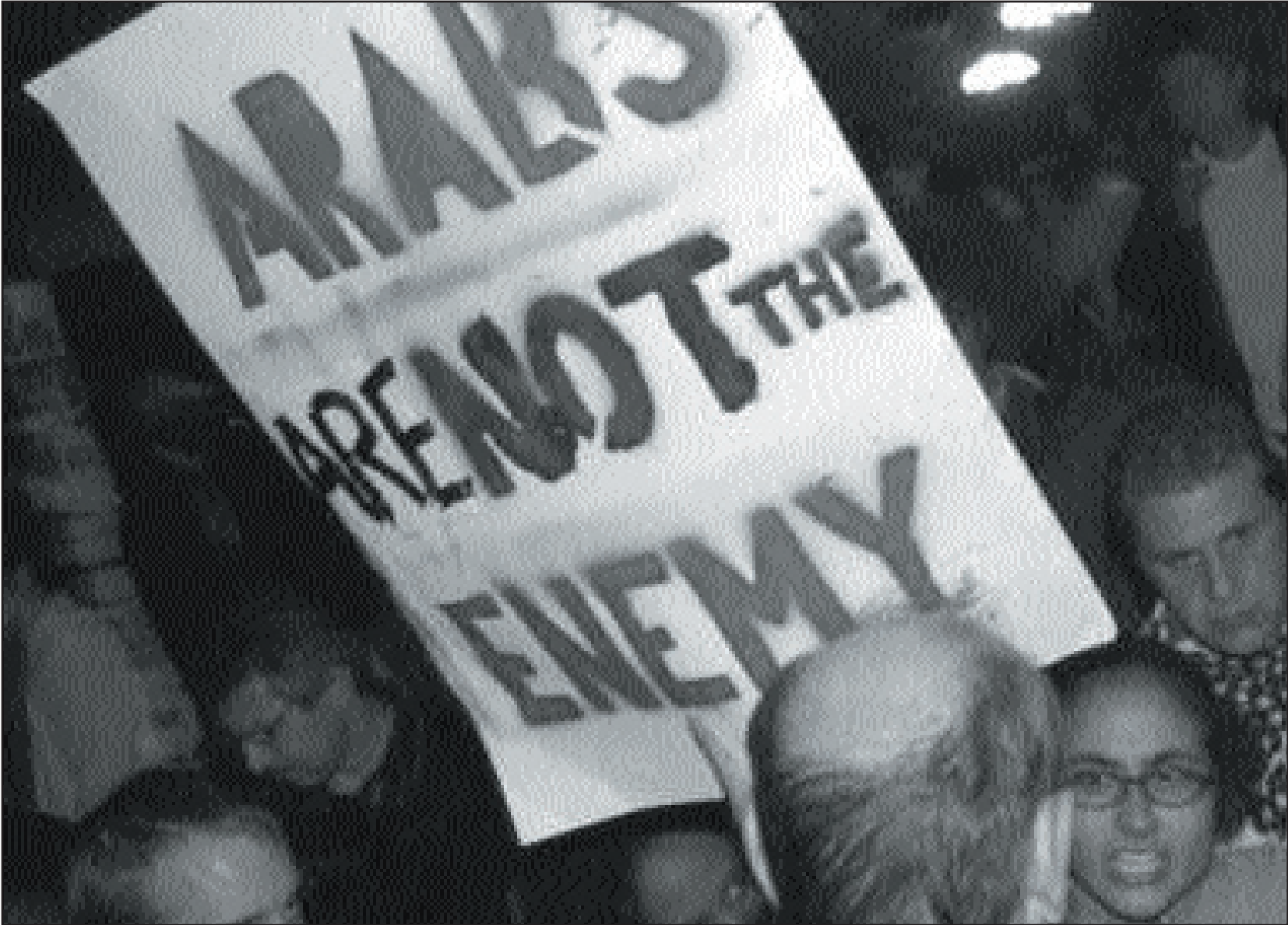
On that fateful December day, thousands of Americans were injured or killed. In a parallel fashion, after the assault on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, thousands have been injured, killed or missing.

Japanese Americans were said to have contributed to the attack on Pearl Harbor. As a result they were considered a threat to national security and were forced into interment camps.

Citizens of Arabic and Middle Eastern descent are suspected, by some Americans, to have contributed to the attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. This type of stereotyping is what is feared most by Arabic and Middle Eastern Americans.

“Try individuals, not groups of people. Not all Arabs are Muslim. You don’t kill a specific religion or an ethnic group,” said Mariza Farooqui, an MSA member.

Even before Pearl Harbor, Japanese Americans were racially profiled because of their culture, religion, and ethnicity. Now Arabic and Middle Eastern Americans are being



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

A woman argues with a man as she holds up a sign voicing her support for Arabs at New York’s Union Square.

scrutinized.

The American people could not separate Americans of Japanese descent from the those of the Japanese Empire. Today many Americans cannot make the distinction between Americans those of Middle Eastern descent and those of the Muslim religion.

The casualties and attacks have not been restricted to Washington and New York. They have spread across the nation to Arabic Americans, Muslims, Middle Eastern Americans,

and anyone that “looks” similar, said Farooqui.

After Pearl Harbor, Japanese Americans were targets of hate crimes and racist government policy. Tragically, despite appeals by President Bush and other government officials, Arabic Americans, Middle Eastern Americans, Muslims, and people who merely look Middle Eastern are now the targets of hate crimes all over America.

However, there are stark differences between both infamous days.

In 1941, Americans knew exactly who bombed the naval base. Today, the enemy remains elusive.

The Japanese marked military personnel in 1941, whereas the recent terrorist actions targeted civilians. Then, the Japanese used their planes and equipment. Today the terrorists used Americans planes and equipment.

But most significantly, the government is not grouping Arabic Americans and Muslims as a result of the actions of a miniscule sect of

Islamic followers.

“Some people are trying to repeat history and make the same mistakes. I think at a public college we have the responsibility to set an example by stepping in and stopping stereotypes,” said Professor Thomas Fujita Rony of Asian American studies department.

“I think people are ignoring the three documents our nation stands under — freedom, justice, and the pledge of allegiance no matter what race, religion, or ethnicity you are.”

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Bush wants al Queda turned

nSPEECH: President asks for the nation’s patience for a drawn-out campaign against terrorism

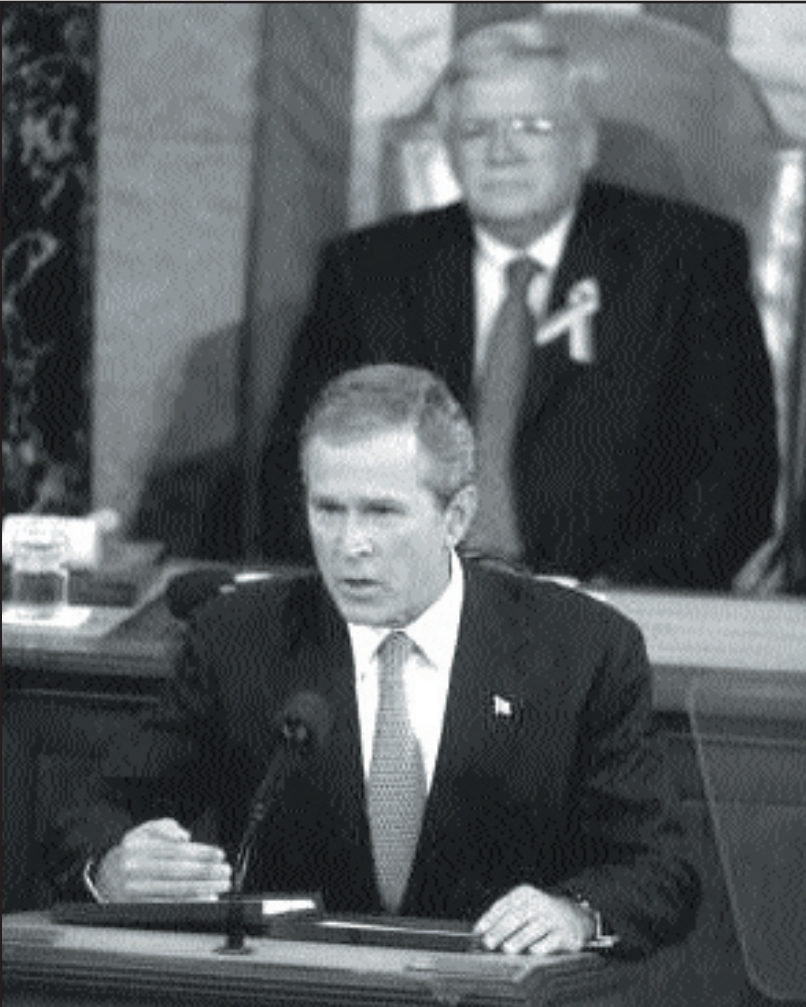
By Kimberly Pierceall
Daily Titan Staff Writer

The hour is now. American soldiers face an intense drawn-out fight, President Bush said in a speech to a joint-session of Congress and Americans yesterday evening. Congress hasn’t declared war, but Operation Infinite Justice has begun. “Be ready,” Bush said. Time to stop, eliminate, and destroy terrorism “where it grows.” With four high-ranking military officials sitting in the front row of the Capitol, Bush said “America will act, and you will make us proud,” - a statement that resulted in one of many standing ovations during the speech. Bush’s address intended to answer basic questions lingering in the minds of Americans – questions like who attacked our country, why do they hate us, and how will we fight the war on terrorism. Osama Bin Laden and his terrorist group, al Qaeda, are the “enemies to our freedom” and an answer to the first question. “Al Qaeda is to terror what the Mafia is to crime,” Bush said. They hate our freedoms – freedom of speech, religion, and assembly, Bush said

in answer to the second question. The third answer involved a new cabinet position that will report directly to the President. Bush announced that Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge, would head the Office of Homeland Security. U.S. Representative Ed Royce (R-Orange County) said the announcement was a complete surprise, but agreed the position is valid and necessary at this time. The answer also included improving intelligence systems, putting air marshals on domestic flights, and strengthening America’s economy. “We will rebuild New York City,” Bush said to an audience that included New York Mayor Rudy Guiliani and Governor George Pataki. Bush demanded the world deliver all leaders of the al Qaeda group to the U.S., release all Americans unjustly imprisoned, protect journalists, close all terrorist training camps, and give the United States full access to the training camps. “These demands are not open to negotiation or discussion,” he said. Royce said the strict conditions were all necessary. “(Bush) has done the responsible thing by setting a list of criteria if we are to end

terrorism,” he said. The President urged Americans to be calm and resolute even in the face of a continuing threat. Autrina Youkhanneh, 23-year-old English major, felt stronger after watching the speech at home. “For the first time, the President is a concrete wall that we can rely on,” she said. “I have faith in them (the government), and I’ve never felt that way about a government before.” Youkhanneh has two cousins in the Navy who might be involved in the Operation, she said. But the Cal State Fullerton student has separated her personal feelings from political demands, since it is imperative that the United States goes to war, she said. Youkhanneh was struck by Bush’s statement, “If you’re not with us, than you’re with the terrorists.” She said she sees not only Americans pulling together but the rest of the world as well. Areas of Orange County have come together at recent town meetings arranged by Royce. The congressman said a large number of his constituents have called and sent him e-mails, and he was able to have a lengthy conversation with them at meetings in Placentia and Cypress last week.

“They see this as a threat to our way of life that needs to be combated,” he said. Royce spoke to The Daily Titan after the speech and said the scene inside the Capitol was solemn. His colleagues, both Republican and Democrat, thought the president’s speech was well done. The response “was remarkably bipartisan,” he said. Royce said Americans should expect to see a multi-national military force primarily targeting terrorist training centers. Terrorism has become a web stretching from Afghanistan to the Philippines to Tanzania and now to the United States, he said prompting a world combat effort. As the chair of the International Relation Committee, work continues at pace with security briefings and votes on impending bills for defense, military construction to rebuild the Pentagon, and the Air Transportation Stabilization Act to help the airline industry economically. Bush thanked Congress in his speech, and said that the American people need not fear. “I know there are struggles ahead and dangers to face,” he said. Reinforcing American optimism, Bush said ours would be an age of liberty, not defeat. “We will not tire, we will not falter, we will not fail.”



RON EDWARDS/AP

The president addresses Congress Thursday night.

AS follows up on its construction

By Deena Anderson
and Patrick Vuong
Daily Titan Staff Writers

A building study for a new recreation center, Children’s Center and two parking structures was revealed Tuesday during the Associated Students Board of Directors meeting. The proposed construction projects, which may be in lots B and K, will help alleviate the parking crisis by creating thousands of new parking spaces. “When both parking structures are done, the campus [parking situation] will be in good shape for some years to come,” said Campus Facilities Planner Kim Apel. However, it could take up to four years to go from the planning stages to two completed parking structures. “Not until the construction projects of the parking structures in 2003 will we be out of the woods,” Apel said. The structure will be situated to provide students with easy access to surrounding buildings, the tennis courts, and the proposed children’s and recreation centers. In 1999, then-AS President Ashik Popat discussed plans to build an AS-run recreation center, said Titan Student Union Director Kurt Borsting. In a May 2000 referendum, the majority of the students who voted supported the building of a new center. Apel said the center will be about

80,000 to 90,000 square feet and have volleyball courts, a roller hockey rink and other facilities. If the plans are approved, the Children’s Center may be transferred to a new 17,000-square-foot facility. The center will allow for double current capacity, said Children’s Center Director Elizabeth Gibbs. “I’m very pleased with moving the center north of the TSU,” said AS Executive Director Harvey McKee. “I think it makes it easy as management to see how the facilities will be run from day to day.” However, McKee said he had concerns with the proposed Children’s Center location as noise on State College Boulevard may be excessive and a health concern. “With the parking structure and street [nearby], in my opinion, I don’t think it’s the best spot for a children’s center,” said Dante Gomez, AS director of statewide affairs. The board allocated up to \$2,000 for a sound study to find if noise levels are acceptable. If they exceed safety levels, the student’s center will be moved. Borsting said that a definite construction start date for the Children’s Center and the other facilities has yet to be determined but he is pleased with the study so far. “I think it’s a terrific idea,” said Borsting of the proposed plans. “It’s a good direction to take.”

CSUF receives \$650,000 in funding

nOPPORTUNITY: Research funds hope to encourage minority students aiming for masters degrees

By Michael Matter
Daily Titan Staff Writer

Cal State Fullerton Biochemistry Professor Christina Goode said she wants to share her department’s good news with the university community. “We just received \$650,000 from the National Institute of Health (NIH),” Goode said. “It is to be used for our Bridges to the Ph.D. Program. It is a national, federally-funded program which transitions CSUF students at the graduate level into Ph.D. programs at universities such as UCI, USC and Oregon.” Goode directs minority programs that encourage biomedical research. She works with a student organization called the Minority Biomedical Research Students (MBRS). The NIH funds research for under-represented students, which is defined as Native American Indians, African-Americans, Hispanic/Chicano and Pacific Islanders. The program is funded through 2004, but funding must be renewed every three years. “There are only 25 of these programs nationally and we’ve got one of them,” she said. The Bridges program is intended to prepare future Ph.D. students with

a research-backed masters degree. To qualify, applicants must be accepted to CSUF’s Masters program in either Biology or Chemistry/Biochemistry. They must also maintain full-time graduate student status and achieve a minimum 3.5 GPA. In return, the program provides them certain benefits. Students receive extensive mentoring, paid tuition, book allowance, use of a laptop, and a\$10,800/year salary. They get assistance with graduate school applications and preferred consideration for Ph.D. programs at CSUF partner learning institutions. “I think that’s what started all these research opportunities was the Minority Student Development program (MSD) in 1989,” Goode said. “After MSD we saw an opportunity to then add other programs.” The MSD program requires 10-15 hours a week during the semester and 40 hours a week during the summer. The minimal requirement is one year of biology and chemistry. This program provides students an opportunity to do biomedical research that includes a salary, involvement in MBRS’ social activities and both peer and faculty mentoring. The MSD has a \$2 million budget, renewable every five

years. The NIH is currently reviewing the program and a decision on re-funding is expected within 30 days. Another NIH funded program is called Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC). Robert Koch of the CSUF Biology Department directs this program. Applicants to this program must attend year-round, be two years from graduation, maintain a 3.5 GPA and be interesting in obtaining a Ph.D., or MD-Ph.D. degree. They must give 15 hours/week during the semester and 40 hours/week during the summer. They will complete a senior thesis, participate in seminars and attend the MBRS Symposium annually. These students receive a stipend of \$9,100/year, and tuition, research and travel costs are paid. They have access to extensive mentoring. “The MARC program is a good opportunity that is hard to find outside the CSU system,” said Rebecca BaumBach, a junior biochemistry major. “It gives us an opportunity to experience what it is like to be in a graduate program, preparing for a graduate degree.” Goode’s interest in under-represented students extends beyond her own department. She also is a faculty advisor and

sits on the advisory board for another campus research program. Gerald Bryant is director of the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, which Goode is a part of. He knows that the opportunities being offered to underrepresented CSUF students are substantial. The McNair program defines underrepresented students as financially disadvantaged first-generation college students. “We have a major opportunity at this time to market these programs to the general student population,” Bryant said. “Sixty percent of the students at CSUF will meet at one time or another during their academic careers, the qualifications of at least one of the many campus programs targeting underrepresented students. We should be exposing more students to these government-funded programs.” Ronald E. McNair is the program’s namesake. He was an astronaut with a physics degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was killed in 1986 aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger, and at the time of his death, he was acknowledged as an expert in his field. “The students that Goode is working with are being exposed to the elements that they will be facing in graduate school. They are conducting faculty-assisted research within their discipline. The McNair program fits hand-in-glove with their programs because we are exposing them to the same faculty/student research experiences that they are,” Bryant stated.

“The MARC program is a good opportunity that is hard to find outside the CSUF system.” —Rebecca Baumbach

EDUCATION

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tice major. “There wouldn’t be as much tension.” Lack of cultural knowledge has led to recent violence against people of the Sikh faith, a religion practiced in India. It has no relation to the Islamic religion. Four men beat a man in Bakersfield because they thought he was of the same faith as the New York terrorists — Muslim. On the East Coast, a man was murdered for wearing a turban. The values Americans have learned are not the only reason there is little known about other countries. Educational institutions have failed in the past to inform students as well. American history has always been a major emphasis instead.

Touraj Daryaei is a professor of history. He said the amount of knowledge a student has about other countries depends on their level of education. “I wouldn’t expect a freshman to know much, but seniors should have a good idea of what’s going on elsewhere,” Daryaei said. Over the past decade, high school textbooks have incorporated more world history, but it is up to the instructor on how much emphasis is placed on it, Daryaei said. This effort to focus on more history of the world in education has not impacted student knowledge of foreign affairs yet, he added. Patrick Frazier, the Study Abroad advisor, is a scholar on Egyptian culture. He recalled studying about it in college, but when he actually visited the country, he learned that what he

read in text books did not correlate to what he saw and experienced living there. “There were underlying societal issues such as unemployment that I wouldn’t have known about without being in a cab in Egypt where the driver had a bachelor’s degree, but couldn’t get a better job,” Frazier said. “If we had a better understanding of the world, maybe we’d start asking more questions about why we support certain people.” “Out of 25,000-plus students here in CSUF, 70 participate in the Study Abroad program on average,” he continued. Media have attempted to answer questions Americans have on foreign affairs since the attack, where in the past media, like newspapers, have put stories relating to the topic on the back pages. “The media has a big influence in

how much knowledge we have,” said Nandar Aung, a criminal justice and public administrations double-major. “We’re brainwashed by the media, who aren’t always informative and are run by the corporates.” Aung said people need to be completely aware of the goings-on in other countries in order to be conscious of activities that could possibly occur on U.S. soil. For instance, in Afghanistan, women are not allowed to be educated, terrorism is supported by a number of citizens and people are openly killed on the streets. Freshman Denisha Broderick, 18, said Americans should not be complacent with what they know. “We think we know more than we really do,” she said. “But if we don’t keep ourselves informed, we get ignorant.”

WARNINGS

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on different airplanes. Atta boarded American Airlines flight 11, the plane that hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Al-Shehhi was on United Airlines Flight 175, the airplane that crashed into South Tower of the World Trade Center. The FBI identified 14 other men as hijackers on suicide missions. Investigations and tips from people who knew the hijackers indicate that most of the culprits had been in America for some time. Some of the men earned their pilot’s licenses, while they were blending into society. It was the training that hijackers obtained at American flight schools that gave them the skills to easily maneuver the planes into predetermined locations. Accordingly, the FBI believes that at least one man

from each of the hijacked planes was assumed to have been a pilot. One week before the tragic incident occurred, the White House may have received another valuable piece of information. MSNBC reports that an Iranian man imprisoned in Hanover, Germany said, “the attack would come this week.” He called the White House 14 times claiming allegations of terror that would cause disorder. But after he was questioned, the Federal Prosecutor’s office said, “the attackers and the background to the attacks are not and were not known to him. He could give no details.” Men associated with terrorist attacks were known to have been in the country. No U.S. agency did anything to capture the suspects. The CIA issued various warnings, expressing that Osama bin Laden had been planning attacks on America, according to MSNBC. The warnings were not heeded because no information about

it had made any specific claims. Government officials say they had no idea an act would occur. In an interview with CNN, Senator Richard Shelby, R-Alabama, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee said, “I don’t know how it happened, but at the end of the day, we know that we were not warned.” Shelby admits information about two known terrorists being in the country had been passed from CIA to the FBI, then to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Unfortunately, the men were not caught. “In my judgment, [there are] too many bureaucratic failures, not enough coordination between the agencies,” Shelby said. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Illinois, said the country should not place blame on the past. “I think we need to put resources in human intelligence and I think we need to re-evaluate our whole intelligence regime,” Hastert said.

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It's not
over yet

n**BASEBALL:**
Bonds closes in
on McGwire's 70
homeruns, with 15
games remaining

By Melanie Bysouth
Daily Titan Sports Editor

The Giants may not have won Thursday night but San Francisco had plenty to cheer about.

In the bottom of the fifth, Barry Bonds hit a two-run drive to center which cleared the fence at Pacific Bell Park.

It would become Bonds' 64th home run.

The left-fielder now moves within six of Mark McGwire's record 70 homeruns.

With his new total, Bonds now has 558 career homers and is five short of matching Reggie Jackson for seventh place.

Bonds also walked, in the seventh, giving him a career-high of 152, one more than his 1996 total.

Making the hit that much more special, starting Thursday, Bonds said that for each home run he hits, he will donate \$10,000 to the United Way to help with the relief efforts in New York and Washington D.C.

"I just felt that's what I wanted to do in my heart," Bonds said.

His chance to do more will come soon enough as the Giants will face the Padres tonight in San Diego.

San Francisco are currently second in the National League West, two games behind the Arizona Diamondbacks. San Diego are currently in fourth place with 73 wins, behind the Giants 80.

Perhaps to the advantage of the home team, the Padres have won their last three games while the Giants went 0 for 3.

Men's soccer heads to

n**PREVIEW:**
Titans return to the
field Sunday with the
hopes of breaking a
14-year tradition

By Ricardo Sanchez, Jr.
Special to the Titan

The Titans face a big task this weekend.

Not only do they need to shake off the rust of a two week layoff, but they must also take on the #7 Bruins at UCLA's Frank Marshall Field on Sunday, a place where the Titans have not won since 1987.

Led by Alex Yi, a Hermann Trophy candidate (college soccer's equivalent to the Heisman), and a host of talented players, the Bruins bring a 2-1-1 mark into Sunday's contest against the Titans who are also 2-1-1.

Although UCLA leads the all-time series with Cal State Fullerton, 24-7-2, recent history shows the Titans a formidable opponent.

They have won four of the last five meetings, with the only loss coming in overtime, 2-1, the last time they met Nov. 7, 1999 in Westwood. The

other four wins have come within the confines of Titan Stadium.

The Titans go into the match ranked #16 in Soccer America's Top 20 who, unlike the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), conducted a new poll this week despite all the cancellations and postponements.

Sophomore mid-fielder Cameron McKinnon leads the Titans in scoring with two goals. He also shares the team lead in points, at four, with freshman forward Sean Guidice who has one goal and two assists.

Goalkeeper Jeff McKeever has been a constant presence in front of the net amassing 22 saves in four games with a 1.30 goals against average.

The Titans have exhibited potential this season with a mix of young players and veterans, but have not yet shown the ability to jump on a team early and put them away.

They have displayed resiliency, however, and a "no quit" attitude. Three of the four games played have gone to overtime. Two of them, double overtime.

One big factor Head Coach Al Mistri pointed out was that the team has not been at full strength this season due to injuries and player eligibility.

"We have not really gotten into a routine where we could have played all [players] we had available to us," Mistri said.

There will not be any big changes to the Titan game plan this weekend.

The only difference will be the activation of a few players.

"We are shuffling the line-up," coach Mistri said. "We have available to us players that have not been available up to this point."

Freshman defender Brent Hamilton will be back on the field after recovering from an ankle injury that forced him to sit out against Stanford.

Andrew Sam, a freshman forward from London, England, was granted eligibility to play and will make his US debut in a Titan uniform.

Sam attended the American School in London in 2000, where he scored 28 goals in 23 matches and was selected MVP of his team.

The Titans only loss this season came in the Pac-10 to Stanford. Ironically, the Bruins lone defeat came against UC Irvine of the Big West Conference.

This will be Cal State Fullerton's third straight match-up against a Pac-10 school. They had faced Cal and Stanford previously.



DAVID RIVERA/Daily Titan

Defender Brent Hamilton and CSUF prepare to meet the Bruins.

Who would have thought

n**COMMENTARY:** Preseason hockey is stopped after two periods when 19,000 fans demand to watch the President instead

By Melanie Bysouth
Daily Titan Sports Editor

When the president addresses the nation, it is rare that anyone pays attention — especially when the game is on.

Yet Thursday night, while George W. Bush spoke, a hockey rink full of players, coaches and fans stopped everything to listen to the President's

speech to Congress.

Call it patriotic. Call it unbelievable. Call it miraculous.

No matter how you look at it, the moment was one that no one could have ever predicted.

Hockey simply didn't matter anymore. Not to the Philadelphia Flyers. Not to the New York Rangers. And most certainly not to the 19,117 fans at First Union Center in Philadelphia.

It was between the second and third periods when Capitol Hill appeared on the scoreboard. The speech was about to begin when it was announced that the game was resuming and the address could be viewed in the outer concourses.

The fans began to boo as if a penalty call had cost the Flyers the Stanley Cup.

In unison, the crowd then began

chanting, "Leave it on. Leave it on."

And they did.

For the next 36 minutes, the fans were fixated on the Arenavision screen, cheering and screaming at the speech's most poignant moments. So much so that the applause of Congress could no longer be heard.

Putting games aside to focus on a tragedy is one thing. But for an arena full of hockey fans to trade sports for

politics is unprecedented.

Two weeks ago, it would have been commonplace for fans to be exchanging the latest George W. Bush jokes. Yet now it seems they would rather listen to what he has to say than mock him.

I knew that the sports world had changed this past week but until Thursday night I had not realized how much.

Bar owner fights the state's ban on smok-



by Darla Priest
Special to the Titan

It's like a breath of fresh air when a smalltime businessman begins a crusade for his rights as a business owner. His rights as an American allows him to fight back against the laws that make him feel like he has no control over his own place of business. An established

business. A common man's dream. There needs to be more diversity in the laws concerning businesses that cater to a select group of people over the age of 21.

For the last two years owner John Johnson has been fighting citations from police in Fullerton, Westminster, and Huntington Beach. Johnson currently allows smoking in all four of his Lucky John's bars, which is now illegal after the 1998 smoking ban took tobacco rights away from his customers. The Lucky John's bar near the corner of Orangethorpe and Euclid in Fullerton has been a cornerstone establishment in the community for over 10 years. Johnson's business practices were never so rudely attacked before. Why now? Even if smoking proves to be dangerous enough to ban it from every public place, no one protects the public from gambling in Las Vegas. People smoke in bars there. Hey, "It must be the money."

Smoking is a health hazard and the ban does protect the public in most cases. No one wants to see smoking in the supermarket. Johnson is himself a non-smoker. However, Lucky John's is a bar where most people go to drink cheap cold beer and relax after a long day at work. Customers want to listen to music, watch Monday night football, party, and shoot pool. Come on, Nevada is just too far to drive to enjoy the luxury of smoking in a bar legally. A bar deserves to have smoking rights. A non-smoker in this case should be educated enough to walk outside when the smoke is too thick inside the bar.

Johnson stood up for the rights of individuals to make their own health decisions.

Lucky John's customers share in the fighting spirit against the smoking prohibition. In the bars customers receive ashtrays in exchange for donations. In actuality, having to pay for the right to smoke in a bar. Lucky John's patron smokers have donated about \$20,000 in exchange for the right to smoke. If this much money was raised in support of smoking in Lucky John's bars, there needs to be more representation for this particular case. This is a voice crying out against the powers of big government.

Johnson uses the donations to cover legal costs. He's a small-town hero who takes care of business. Looking out for the "little guy." The guys and gals who are the bread and butter of his establishment. This is a fair exchange. Owner and customer. Friends working together to support something they believe in. It deserves attention. It deserves compromise.

Violations carry fines from \$100 into the thousands of dollars. The California Division of Occupation Safety and Health imposes some of the largest fines.

Patrons of Lucky John's go on and fight for your right to smoke.

-Darla Priest majors in communications.

OPINION

United States needs to practice peace to fight terrorism, not



by Michael Del Muro
OpinionEditor

We are going to war with terrorism, a war that cannot be won.

President Bush's speech Thursday night was nothing more than Western rhetoric. He sent a warning to mostly Arab nations that "they are either with us or against us."

Pakistan may face a civil war because of their support for the United States. Their government may fall and nuclear weapons may end up in the hands of the Taliban, our supposed enemy in this war.

It is impossible for war to stop terrorism. War is what created it.

Bush's speech made no mention of a change in our foreign policies regarding Arab nations. Nor did he mention the conflict between Palestine and Israel, which is the main source of Arab hatred of American foreign policy.

We must not fight terrorism the way we have fought other wars. We must not, as Bush said we should, use every weapon needed.

Since the attack, Americans have been thirsting for revenge. But revenge will not bring back the more than 6000 people who died last Sept. 11.

We must battle terrorism with policy.

If we really want to get bin Laden we must cut-off his source of capital. He needs to be suffocated of his money.

Without his wealth, he would not have the support to fund terrorist strikes on the United States.

This will only get the United States so far. This country and its allies must put pressure on Afghanistan so they will turn over bin Laden.

The last resort would have to be to send in special forces. No bombs. No large ground attack.

Our government must make sure no innocent people get harmed. And bin Laden must be brought to the United States alive. We need to use a trial to convict him, not war.

Imagine the message this country would send to the rest of the world. We will show everyone that this country treats all criminals, no matter how heinous their crimes, the same.

If we kill bin Laden in an air raid or a ground attack, we risk turning him into a martyr and creating hundreds of other terrorists who would be looking for revenge.

However, getting bin Laden is only a short-term solution and will not end terrorism.

We need to beef up National Security and our Intelligence Agencies. Suspected terrorists must not be allowed to even come close to U.S. borders.

Most importantly, the Bush Administration must change our foreign policies regarding the Arab world.

A repeated theme among Arabs is they do not hate Americans, they hate American foreign policy.

The first change should come with the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. The United States must mediate a peace in the region. Israel must be forced to make major concessions if they are really serious about peace.

Then we must stop our exploitation of Arab countries for oil. We helped Kuwait solely to protect our vested interest in their oil. And then pulled out before we could fulfill our promise of helping the Shiites and Kurds gain independence.

Americans need to shed our ignorance about American wrongdoings.

The economic sanctions placed on Iraq following the Persian Gulf War are not hurting Saddam Hussein, only the country's poor.

The United States has been guilty of more evils since World War II than most nations throughout the world.



Beginning with World War II, we dropped bombs on two highly populated Japanese civilian areas, killing almost half a million people.

During the Vietnam War, American soldiers were accused of gunning down innocent women and children and ex-Secretary of State Robert McNamara was responsible for ordering numerous air strikes on civilian areas out of suspicion that the Vietcong were there.

During the Persian Gulf War, the pictures shown on CNN illustrated the bombing raids conducted by the

United States, killing more innocents. Since the end of the war, we have placed an embargo on Iraq in order to get rid of Hussein.

The embargo hasn't hurt Hussein, just the Kurds and Shiites who are being deprived of food. It is claimed that hundreds of thousands have died as a result of the embargo.

The United States is not innocent.

If we stage a war against Afghanistan, terrorists will only become more powerful. The United States will lose allies - Russia,

Pakistan, China - and we will gain many more enemies.

The administration needs to look forward into the future and not doom us to a terrorist war that would last for decades.

Next time we will be lucky if the terrorists attack with planes instead of biological and/or nuclear weaponry.

Terrorism is a sociological and political problem - using guns will not solve it. We must try to peacefully make changes within the Arab world.

So students thought the cost of parking was bad now - wait until next semester arrives



by Yvonne Kloppe
Staff Writer

Thinking of buying a parking permit next semester? Think again.

The parking fee will most likely be doubled next Spring but the parking crunch won't get better until 2003.

Can you imagine paying more than \$100 for parking each semester when some students can barely afford the \$54 parking fee?

You'd think that we wouldn't have to get up before sunrise every morning, rush to school and fight over the last parking spot. Wrong.

Paying this massive amount of money neither guarantees us a parking spot nor does it solve the problem immediately.

According to an article in the Orange County Register on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2001, Cal State Fullerton is planning to double the parking fees this coming spring to fund two new parking structures. But guess when those garages will be open? They won't open until 2003.

I am sure most students would appreciate more parking spaces, and maybe we would be willing to pay a little more. But to pay double for it and still having to stress out over finding parking every morning? I don't think so.

I think students have enough to worry about. Exams, assignments and projects give many of us sleepless nights. Most students

work part-time and some even full-time. We have to get at least a couple of hours sleep in between work and classes, and some of us may have problems at home or in a relationship. Why another burden? Who wants to start the day stressed out over a stupid parking spot?

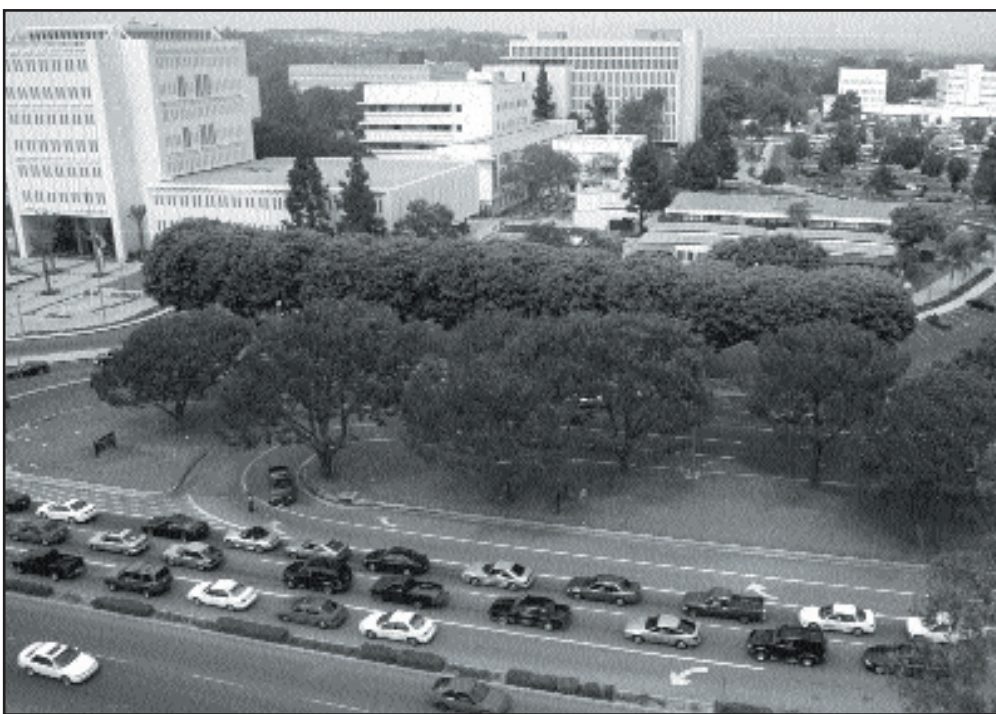
Despite all these issues we deal with in our so-called "fun years in college," students have to worry about finding parking and how to pay for it. I don't think it's fair to pay more in addition to all the other costs for a solution to a problem that will be put off. Parking is already expensive as it is.

There must be other ways to fund those parking structures. I know the state doesn't pay for parking, but what about a loan and then raising the fee when the new parking spaces are ready to be used?

Just be realistic, most of us who will pay for the parking structures won't be here to enjoy them because we will have graduated by 2003.

I know it's a given that we pay for our successors with our fees. But the wait for the new parking spots is too long and the price is too high. I also don't think that those two parking structures are a long-term solution. CSUF is the fastest growing campus in the CSU system and the third largest campus of all 23 CSU campuses.

This fall semester we have nearly 30,000 students and the numbers are climbing. What are we going to do about the parking situation



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The traffic on Nutwood St. shows the amount of cars that commute to Cal State Fullerton every school day. There is not enough parking to accommodate the cars and many parking passes are insignificant because of the lack of spaces.

in four or five years from now with enrollment numbers going up rapidly? We have 9,000 parking spaces for nearly 30,000 students right now. Yes, not every student has a car but nearly 50 percent of the students probably do.

On top of the rapid growth of our campus, we are a commuter campus. Our students come from all over Orange County.

Face it; we are in desperate need of more parking now, not later.

Campus reactions to terrorist attacks

"United States needs to step up intelligence gathering"

To stop the flow of money to bin Laden's organizations is a matter of NATIONAL SECURITY. How did someone get enough money together to pay for the attacks on Sept. 11th?

Throughout Saudi Arabia, bin Laden has many "charities" to which wealthy Saudi businessmen contribute millions of dollars. Where is this money coming from? OPEC, of which Saudi Arabia is the pri-

mary organizer, is our main source of oil. Every time you turn on a light switch, cook a meal, pave an asphalt road, and run your car, you are putting money into bin Laden's pocket. What can we do? Stop

buying oil from nations like Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia has not spent the money on her people or land. Our money is not being spent on helping a country thrive; it's being spent on threatening our lives.

Who can we call on to change this? Contact your Representatives, Senators, and local officials. We shouldn't have to PAY to better-organized, yet that is exactly what is going on.

- E.A. Jensen
Santa Monica
(To read the full essay with supporting references, go to <http://home.earthlink.net/~firerock/>)

"America needs God in time of need"

We have been told that God is a God of hate, and one who doesn't care.

That is a lie straight from hell. Scripture truly supports the opposite. Passage after passage describes a God who is concerned about his people.

Let us lay down our pride and our arrogance. We hold our positions and

status so dear, but as we have seen over this last week, they will end at some point and no one knows when. The true focus of life should be on the development of our character. What good is a man who lives his whole life holding his degree and his wallet for all to see, and dies with a bitter frustrated heart?

We have become a "tolerant" nation. We have watered down what is good with what is evil so that we are currently left in a society of gray.

There are no absolutes, what is right can now be defined by each individual and what is wrong is a matter of personal opinion.

Along with believing we have all

the answers comes an underlying dose of pride and arrogance. We have such a fear of offending anyone that we keep silent and watch as our morals go down the drain. We are silent because we want to be accepted by our peers and be considered part of the "norm."

What is this "norm" we have created?

What we should esteem in this country is the personality and the character of an individual not the status.

I worry about a nation that bans prayer in schools but permits condoms to be passed out calling it "safe."

I worry about a nation that cringes at the name of Jesus yet encourages students to meditate on a rock in nature.

I would encourage all of you to pray for this nation. Even if you have no belief in God at this point because God is faithful to those who are faithful.

I pray that God would reveal himself to you and comfort you in this terrible time of tragedy.

God Bless You,
- Jason Bailey, 22